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INCLUSION IN THE OBC LIST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States in the country which have included the Kelal, Kalwar and Kalar castes in the list of backward classes;

(b) whether these castes have not been included in the list of backward castes in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to recognize theses castes as backward castes in these States;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) The Kalal, Kalwar and Kalar castes/communities have been included in theCentral List of OBCs in the States of Bihar (as Kalwar, Kalal), Delhi(as Kalwar),Gujarat (as Kalal), Madhya Pradesh (as Kalal, Kalar), Maharashtra (as Kalal,Kalar), Orissa (as Kalwar), Rajasthan (as Kalal), Uttar Pradesh (as Kalal, Kalwar,Kalar) and West Bengal (as Kalwar). The subject matter of inclusion of castes/communities in the State list for OBCs is however dealt with by therespective State Governments and a separate list is brought out by each State.

(b) to (e) As mentioned above, Kalal community has been included in the Central List ofOBCs for Gujarat vide Gazette Notification No. 270 dt. 6-12-1999. As regards Andhra Pradesh, the community Kalal, Kalwar and Kalal has not been included inthe Central List of OBCs as the National Commission for Backward Classesrejected the request for its inclusion in the Central List of OBCs for Andhra Pradesh on the grounds that it is not a socially and educationally backward caste/community in the State.